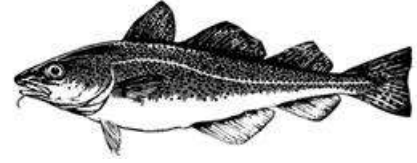


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**Closure of the Kodiak Management Area Parallel Pacific Cod Jig Gear Season
and Opening of the State-Waters Pacific Cod Jig Gear Season**

Emergency Order 4-GF-04-13

By regulation, if the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) federal/parallel A-season for jig gear has not closed by March 15, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) shall close the parallel (0 to 3 nautical miles) CGOA jig gear season in the Kodiak Management Area and open the Kodiak Management Area state-waters jig gear season to facilitate exploitation of the state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL). Through March 9, 2013 approximately 94 percent of the federal/parallel CGOA A-season jig gear allocation remains unharvested. Therefore, the Kodiak Area parallel Pacific cod jig gear season will close and the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will immediately reopen at NOON Friday March 15, 2013.

The 2013 Kodiak Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation is 6.79 million pounds. Vessel operators are required to obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for jig gear and commercial fishing vessel license from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration from ADF&G before participating in the state-waters fishery.

Vessel operators currently participating in the parallel CGOA Pacific cod jig season must deliver all catch prior to targeting Pacific cod during the state-waters season. While the Kodiak Area state-waters (0 to 3 nmi) jig gear season and the federal (3 to 200 nmi) CGOA jig gear seasons are open concurrently:

- A vessel may not participate in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig season and any other Pacific cod season at the same time.

- Vessel operators must validate or invalidate their state-waters vessel registration if switching between the Kodiak Area state-waters jig fishery and any other Pacific cod fishery.
- Vessel operators must deliver all catch prior to changing a state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration.
- A state-waters vessel registration may be validated or invalidated by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday).

For additional information on federal Pacific cod jig gear seasons, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service in Juneau at 907-586-7202. For information on state-waters Pacific cod jig gear seasons, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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